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Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended) A combination comprising a substrate and a composition for a barrier coating to protect a ~~the~~ substrate from contaminant exposures, the composition comprising

a first layer of a first parylene polymer over a surface portion of the substrate,
a second transition layer of a mixture of the first parylene polymer and a second parylene polymer on said first layer, ~~and~~
a third layer of only said second parylene polymer on said second layer, and
wherein said first and second parylene polymers are not fluorinated.

Claim 2 (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ combination in accordance with claim 1 wherein said transition layer is a graded layer.

Claim 3 (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ combination in accordance with claim 2 wherein said first and second parylene polymers are selected from the group consisting of parylene C, D, and N.

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ combination in accordance with claim 1 further comprising an adhesion promoting layer between said first layer and the substrate.

Claim 6 (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ combination in accordance with claim 5 wherein said transition layer is a graded layer.

Claim 7 (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ combination in accordance with claim 6 wherein said first parylene polymer is parylene C and said second parylene polymer is parylene D .

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Claims 8-9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (previously presented) The ~~composition~~ combination in accordance with claim 2 wherein said first and second parylene polymers are different parylene variants or mixtures.